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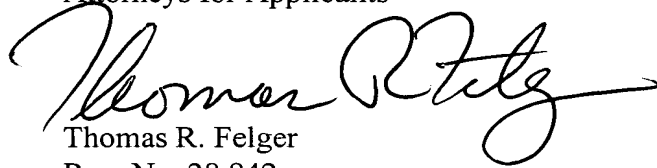
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that  
the reference listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination  
of the above-identified application. A copy of the reference is enclosed for the convenience of  
the Examiner.

I hereby certify that the item contained in this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application received less than three months prior to the filing of this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The reference is a communication, dated March 29, 2000, for pending International Patent Application No. PCT/US98/09029. Pursuant to 37 C. F. R. § 1.97(g) and (h) no representation is made that this reference is material to patentability of the present application or that a search has been made.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references. Applicants do not believe any fees are due at this time, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

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